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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GABONESE FEDERATION OF FREE UNIONS

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1. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC) - AFL-CIO - HAS VARIOUS PROJECTS IN 34 AFRICAN COUNTRIES RUNNING FROM LABOR EDUCATION TO SMALL DEVELOPMENT TYPE PROJECTS WITH LABOR UNIONS.

2. THE DIRECTOR PATRICK O'FARRELL, 345 EAST 46TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 1OO17 KNOWS OF G. GOBER WORA FROM PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH UNION OFFICIALS IN GABON.

3. O'FARRELL WAS NOTIFIED BY LETTER DATED JANUARY 3O, L973 THAT G. INDASSY GUAMBAULT WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION SYNDICALE GABONAISE (F.S.G.) AND JEAN-MICHEL NZAOU WAS ELECTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF F.S.G.

4. THE AALC HAS MET GABONESE UNION OFFICIALS IN GENEVA DURING THE ILO CONFERENCE AND RECEIVED A COPY OF LETTER
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DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 1973 SIGNED BY GUAMBAULT AS PRESIDENT

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OF FSG ASKING BART PLANGE, AALC REPRESENTATIVE IN WEST AFRICA, TO PAY THEM A VISIT.

5. AALC IS INTERESTED IN GABON AND WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE WHEN FORMALLY ASKED. AALC APPRECIATES THE IMPORTANCE OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IN GABON.

6. IF EMBASSY COULD ASCERTAIN WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE FSG AND ITS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WHAT CONNECTION DOES WORA HAVE WITH THESE OFFICIALS AND THEY WITH THE NEW CONFEDERATION? RUSH

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